

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO-FRENCH CULTURAL AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indo-French cultural agreement has been signed recently;
- (b) if so, the main features of the agreement;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up Indian Culture Centre in Paris;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the time by which it is proposed to be set up; and
- (f) the extent to which it is likely to strengthen bilateral relations?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE
(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b) The 13th Session of the Joint Indo-French Commission for Cooperation in the fields of Science, Education and Culture was held on 9th and 10th March, 2000 and a programme of exchanges in these fields was signed for the years 2000-2002. The salient features of this programme include exchange of exhibitions and increasing co-operation in the fields of theatre, cinematography, heritage management, conservation, sports and teaching of languages, etc.

(c) to (f) The proposal to set up an Indian Cultural Centre in Paris is presently at the conceptual stage and a specific timeframe for its setting up cannot, therefore, be established. The proposed Cultural Centre would enhance the cultural image of India in the western world in general and in France in particular.